

"King" Cole. One of his favorite singers was a British singer from World War II named Vera Lynn. She sang to British troops and was their hero.

Justice Puglia loves sports, but especially baseball. He supports his alma mater, Ohio State. In an era of many great sports heroes, he was partial to Bob Feller in baseball, Otto Graham in football, and Jerry Lucas in basketball, for their admirable characteristics both on and off the field of play.

Justice Puglia is undeviating in his commitment to ethics and civility, to playing by the rules, in sports and in life. For several years, Justice Puglia's ethics and civility have provided a beacon for young baseball and softball players in Northern California. The Sacramento River Cats, who play in the AAA Pacific Coast League, annually select the most outstanding high school baseball (boys) and softball (girls) players for Justice Robert K. Puglia Good Sportsmanship Awards. These awards are given before capacity crowds at Railey Field every August, as the baseball season wanes. Both Art Savage, president/CEO of the Sacramento River Cats, and Branch Rickey, president of the Pacific Coast League, have declared Justice Puglia is the perfect civic exemplar for Sacramento's, California's, and America's young people.

TRIBUTE TO COACH MYERS

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay a special tribute to Richard J. Myers, a native son of Buffalo, New York. Richard J. Myers has devoted his entire career to the teaching, coaching, mentoring and overall development of our youth.

Dick recently retired as an English teacher and the Head Basketball Coach for Gonzaga College High School after approximately 30 years of outstanding service. Coach Myers is credited with, among other things, taking a somewhat lackluster Gonzaga basketball program and transforming it to its current championship caliber.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of his retirement, I am proud to recognize Dick Myers' legacy. His longstanding and tireless dedication to youth education and learning is without equal. As an athletic coach at Gonzaga College High School, he is regarded as an institution and treasure.

Richard J. Myers was born in Buffalo, where a "blue collar" work ethic is the norm, and no one better personifies that strong ethic than Dick. While there is no doubt that Dick's inherent integrity, dedication to duty and commitment to community are qualities that were developed through the unselfish efforts of his parents and his family, there is little doubt that these attributes were nourished and allowed to blossom through his Jesuit education. The well-renowned teaching tradition of Jesuit educators, with a focus on the building of the "whole man" by equally focusing on mental, physical and spiritual growth, helped to lead Coach Dick Myers on his path of service to

youth and his greatness as a teacher and coach.

In addition to his work ethic, Dick maintains a modest manner. He will always let you know that it was his students and athletes who made him successful. However, it is undeniable and oft-repeated by his former students and players that it was largely Dick Myers' guidance, teaching, coaching and encouragement that opened the pathway to their personal and team achievements.

Since his arrival at Gonzaga, Coach Myers' accomplishments are not only good grist for stories by sports enthusiasts of the Gonzaga community, but also can be measured in concrete and demonstrable facts. With his induction into the Gonzaga Hall of Fame on November 3, 2000, he was acclaimed as "an extraordinary man of great talent and integrity" with successes in the Gonzaga basketball program, including four WCAC championships and a DC City Title Championship. Significantly, an April 1999 Washingtonian Magazine article entitled "Real Basketball," claims that under the tutelage of Coach Myers, the Gonzaga basketball team's third victory over DeMatha in 1999 was "one of the most thrilling finishes of any sporting event in recent years."

All of Dick's accomplishments would be too numerous to mention and, as is so often the case with the contributions of successful teachers and coaches, the true milestones of their achievements are, to a large degree, immeasurable. However, Coach Myers' record-breaking mark as basketball coach at Gonzaga with a lifetime record of 714-362 provides some perspective into Dick's basketball coaching feats.

Dick Myers, an outstanding athlete in his own student days, attended Canisius High School (CHS), a Jesuit institution in Buffalo. Dick was a three sports star at CHS, and received All-Catholic Honors in both basketball and baseball. He was also voted MVP for the Manhattan Cup Catholic League Championship game, won by CHS. In 1992, he was inducted into the CHS, Hall of Fame and was selected at the recipient of the prestigious "John F. Barnes Memorial Trophy."

He continued his academic and athletic successes at another fine Jesuit institution, LeMoyne College, in Syracuse, New York, graduating in 1964. At LeMoyne, he excelled in both basketball, helping to lead his basketball team to the NCAA playoffs in 1964, and in baseball, where his .300 batting average is still memorialized. In 1995, LeMoyne College honored Dick for his overall college level success by inducting him into the LeMoyne College Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I know I can state unequivocally that Dick's family and the people of Buffalo are proud his many and varied accomplishments. More importantly, however, it is our country that should give praise to Dick Myers, and the many other dedicated teachers, coaches and youth mentors. Often in relative anonymity, these people have unselfishly dedicated their careers to a singular purpose of making our society and this great country a better place by their positive impact on our youth—our future.

THANKING JACQUELINE AAMOT
FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement at the end of January 2005, we rise to thank Ms. Jacqueline (Jackie) Aamot for her long career of outstanding service to the United States government, most recently here in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Jackie began her career with the House ten years ago on January 4, 1995, and served in positions within the Administrative Counsel and Finance offices of the Chief Administrative Officer. As the Finance Office's Director of Financial Counseling, she provided financial assistance and guidance to all Member and Committee offices including monitoring and projecting available fund balances and ensuring expenditures comply with both House and Committee rules and regulations.

Jackie made significant contributions to the financial management of the U.S. House of Representatives, implementing consolidated electronic billings, which have lessened the administrative burdens both for Member and Committee offices and for the Office of Finance. In addition, she instituted more efficient processes that have resulted in the issuing of payments by the Office of Finance in less than two days following receipt of a voucher.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Jackie for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the financial management of the House. We wish Jackie many wonderful years of fulfilling her retirement dreams.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 1

9 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine strategies for reshaping U.S. policy regarding Iraq and the Middle East.

SD-419

10 a.m.
Budget
To hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office budget and economic outlook.

SD-608

2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, and subcommittee assignments.

SD-419

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine certain issues relative to CIA document disclosure under the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act.

SD-226

FEBRUARY 2

9:30 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine FELA issues relating to asbestos.

SD-226

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the U.S. Tsunami Warning System, and S. 50, to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, and subcommittee assignments.

SD-430

FEBRUARY 3

9:30 a.m.
Judiciary
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine benefits for survivors of those killed in the line of duty.

SR-418

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

11 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the effects of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) on United States imports and exports of cattle and beef.

SD-106

FEBRUARY 8

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the implementation of Titles I through III of P.L. 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 10

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

FEBRUARY 15

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2006 Department of Veterans Affairs budget.

SR-418

MARCH 1

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

MARCH 2

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

MARCH 3

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Energy.

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MARCH 8

2 p.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.

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MARCH 9

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SH-216

MARCH 10

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Blinded Veterans Association, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Jewish War Veterans.

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APRIL 14

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Officers Association of America, the National Association of State Director of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

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APRIL 21

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, and the Gold Star Wives of America.

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SEPTEMBER 20

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

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